

Asheville City Council
Planning and Economic Development Committee

4:00 p.m., January 15, 2013
City Hall, First Floor Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Vice Mayor Esther Manheimer, Chair; Councilmember Cecil Bothwell;
Councilmember Marc Hunt

Staff: Gary Jackson, Bob Oast, Judy Daniel, Sam Powers, Shannon Tuch, Blake
Esselstyn, Jeff Richardson

Guest: Joe Minicozzi

The Planning and Economic Development Committee met on November January 15, 2013, in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall. Vice Mayor Manheimer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the November 27 meeting were approved as written.

2. Updates

Planning and Zoning Commission Zoning Review

Judy Daniel, Planning Director, reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had appointed Joe Minicozzi to evaluate residual zoning that could be out of place. The report will go to P&Z, and then they will decide whether or not to initiate action. P&Z will look at it at their retreat (a date yet to be finalized). This retreat is open to the public.

Ms. Daniel also reported to the committee that Paul Smith, a County appointee, resigned from the P&Z Commission.

Future of the ETJ

Gary Jackson, City Manager, asked for policy direction from the Committee on the future of the ETJ, as he was meeting with County Manager Wanda Greene within the week. The Committee asked that staff report back to PED next month, with an analysis of an ETJ. The Committee suggested that Mr. Jackson start a dialogue with Ms. Greene about the pros and cons of an ETJ, with the guiding principal that municipal issues should be worked out on a local, versus a state, level.

Introduction to Steep Slope Standards

Blake Esselstyn, Urban Planner III, and Shannon Tuch, Assistant Planning Director/Interim Process Manager, presented to the Committee a presentation on how the City arrived at its present steep slope standards.

The presentation was very well received by the Committee, as the members appreciated the background and context provided them. PED would like Mr. Esselstyn and Ms. Tuch to return with a little more detail about the properties below 2220' and over 25% slope, along with some general information about permit numbers since the ordinance was amended in 2007.

3. New Business

No items scheduled.

4. Unfinished Business

No items scheduled.

5. Presentations and Public Comment

Timothy Sadler spoke in support of more funding for transit.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.